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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-40 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-7,9-11,13,14,19-27,29-37,39 and 40 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 8,12,15-18,28 and 38 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-7, 9-11, 13, 14, 19-27, 29-37, 39 and 40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Mourou et al. U.S. patent No. 5,656,186.

Mourou et al. disclose apparatus and methods of use for applying laser beams onto a tissue, the apparatus comprising a pulsed laser and a beam scanning means, wherein the laser pulse has a wavelength of between 770 nm to 800 nm (see col. 5, line 26 and col. 8, line 29), a pulse width of 10 to 100 fs (col. 2, lines 32-40 and col. 8, line 33), pulse energy of 0.001 to 10 nJ, and frequency of 250 to 350 KHz (col. 4, line 35).

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Claims 2-7, 23-27, 29-30, 32-36, 39, and 40, recite an intended use of the device and therefore are not given a patentable weight. Moreover, the scanning device of Mourou et al. would provide the scanning procedures as presently claimed. Furthermore, as to claims 9, 10, 13, 1419, 20, 22, and 37, the scanning device of Mourou et al. would provide the functions and scanning procedures as presently claimed.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 8, 12, 15-18, 28 and 38 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. See U.S. Patent No. 6,872,202 to Gerlach et al.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ahmed M. Farah whose telephone number is (571) 272-4765. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thur. 9:30 AM-7:30 PM, and 9:30 AM - 6:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Linda C.M DVorak can be reached on (571) 272-4768. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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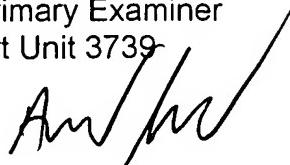
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Ahmed M Farah
Primary Examiner
Art Unit 3739

June 26, 2005

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ahmed M. Farah". The signature is written in a cursive style with a vertical line extending from the top right of the 'A' through the end of the 'ahmed' and the middle of the 'M'. There is also a small flourish or checkmark at the end of the 'ahmed' section.